

NOTE XXVIII.

FAUNA SIMALURENSIS.
COLEOPTERA, FAM. BUPRESTIDAE.

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1. *Chrysochroa (Melanoxantha) bicolor* F., var. *nigricornis* H. Deyr.

1 ♀ (n^o. 1250) Febr. 1913 and 1 ♂ (n^o. 3732) July 1913, from Sinabang (Simalur).

Both with the white spots on the elytra very large.

2. *Chrysochroa fulminans* F., var. *nigra* n. var.

6 ♂♂ and 9 ♀♀ (n^{os} 2841—2847 and 2873—2880) April 1913, from Pulu Babi.

Of this species three colour-varieties occur, viz. the common yellowish or bluish green one, with the apex of the elytra of a brilliant red; the shining blue one, with the apex of the elytra green, and the black one. Transitions between these forms hardly exist. Kerremans, in his „Monographie des Buprestides”, makes no mention of the black variety, which consequently seemed to me to be unknown. On my inquiring, Kerremans however wrote me that it was known to him from Halmaheira. Now it is a well known fact that Kerremans does not like to give names to varieties and though I participate his opinion in the main point, I believe this to be one of the cases where the naming of the variety can be of interest. It seems very possible to me that the different colours are in relation with one or the other particularity of the climate,

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f. i. the degree of humidity or the relative height. By giving names to these varieties the attention is more fixed upon them.

The blue variety bears in the Leyden Museum the manuscript-name *indigotea*, given by the late Snellen van Vollenhoven. I now propose to name the black variety *nigra*. The males of this variety have the last three segments of the abdomen red, as is also the case, though less obvious, in the var. *indigotea*.

3. *Chrysodema rubifrons* H. Deyr.

2 ♂♂ (n^{os} 2871 and 2872) April 1913, from Pulu Babi.

1 ♂ var. (n^o. 2751) March 1913, from Sinabang (Simalur).

About this species Kerremans wrote me the following: „Le *Chrysodema rubifrons* H. Deyr. est une espèce dont le type provient de Malacca. Vos exemplaires sont un peu plus rugueux sur les élytres que le type, mais je ne pense pas qu'il y ait lieu de l'en séparer. Je n'en ai pas encore vus de Sumatra. Le 3^e exemplaire (violacé) paraît être une variété de la même espèce chez laquelle l'allure des côtes élytrales est assez variable.”

4. *Endelus Modiglianii* Kerr.

2 specimens: one (n^o. 1096) Febr. 1913, from Sinabang (Simalur), the other (n^o. 3694) May 1913, from Pulu Pandjang.

the Hague, November 1913.